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SUBJECT: NATO AWACS: PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION  
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REFS: (A) USNATO 3065, DTG 2316297 MAR 78  
(B) LISBON 2304, DTG 291148Z MAR 78

1. REFTELS REPORT INDICATIONS FROM PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS  
BOTH IN BRUSSELS AND LISBON OF SUPPORT FOR NATO AWACS  
AND POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING PORTUGUESE CONTRIBUTION  
SHOULD PORTUGAL DERIVE SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT  
FROM LOCATION OF SOME AWACS BASING AND SUPPORT  
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FACILITIES IN PORTUGAL. MGEN BOWMAN, DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN  
AND NATO AFFAIRS, OASD/ISA, HAS WRITTEN THE FOLLOWING  
LETTER TO PORTUGUESE NATO DEFAD CATERINO (TRANSMITTED  
SEPARATELY FOR DELIVERY TO CATARINO). SUGGEST THESE  
POINTS COULD ALSO BE MADE IN DISCUSSION OF NATO AWACS  
WITH OTHER PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF BOWMAN-CATARINO LETTER: QUOTE

APRIL 11, 1978

DEAR MR. CATARINO:

FOLLOWING OUR RECENT DISCUSSION OF AWACS IN BRUSSELS,  
I HAVE LOOKED INTO THE QUESTION OF WHAT ECONOMIC

RETURN PORTUGAL MIGHT REALIZE FROM THE LOCATION OF AN  
AWACS FORWARD OPERATING BASE (FOB) IN PORTUGAL. AS  
YOU KNOW, THE DECISION ON LOCATING FOBS FOR THE NATO  
AWACS PROGRAM IS EXPECTED SOON AFTER RESOLUTION OF  
THE LOCATION OF THE MAIN OPERATING BASE (MOB) WHICH  
WE EXPECT THIS MAY AT THE DPC. ASSUMING A DECISION  
TO PLACE THE MOB IN THE FRG, WHICH SEEMS LIKELY, WE  
BELIEVE THAT A LOCATION IN PORTUGAL SHOULD BE CHOSEN  
FOR ONE OF THE FOBS. BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE,  
IT APPEARS THAT ABOUT 10.6M DOLLARS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO  
LOCATE THE REQUIRED FOB INSTALLATION IN PORTUGAL, AND  
THAT CONTINUING OPERATION OF THE BASE WOULD RETURN  
ABOUT 5M DOLLARS ANNUALLY TO THE PORTUGUESE ECONOMY.

PERHAPS THIS WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR PORTUGAL TO  
INCREASE HER CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATO AWACS PROGRAM.  
AN INCREASED CONTRIBUTION FROM PORTUGAL, EVEN OF A  
SMALL AMOUNT, WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE IMPACT  
ON ON-GOING ALLIANCE CONSIDERATION OF THE AWACS PROGRAM,  
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AND WOULD DEMONSTRATE MOST VIVIDLY PORTUGAL'S CONTINUING  
COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON DEFENSE.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD C. BOWMAN  
MAJOR GENERAL, USAF  
DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN AND NATO AFFAIRS

END TEXT.

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